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Dear Mr. Pincus,

Your today's Ames fiasco story reminds me that to the best of my knowledge there has never been any story about or accounting for the many functions of the CIA's Office of Security. Those improper roles that have nothing to do with the CIA's security reflect, I believe, what is and always has been wrong with the CIA.

After two weeks I have no response from Woolsey or anyone else at the CIA to my letter of 10/17 a copy of which I enclose.

As you will see, the OS lied to the CIA's general counsel to deny me copies of two files it had on me. There was no legitimate reason for the CIA's OS ever to have any files on or interest in me. One possible exception is records of my security clearance by or for the OSS and perhaps a record of my being allowed to classify records. But if it had those records they were withheld when I was given copies of other OSS records on me.

OS was, as I recall, even involved with books. I am pretty sure I got a record in which it picked up an error in one of my books, an insignificant error.

The lawyer who went to see Houston with me is Jim Lesar. I think he'll remember that he was assured that no CIA component had any records on me. Rather no request from me.

What I say about Hunt is solid. I do not know whether he was then assigned to OS. He did have a tie line from Littauer & Wilkinson so those who phoned him in New York believed he was in New York when he answered the phone in Washington.

There was a Littauer foundation the CIA used. I was never able to check out the possibility of any connection.

My recollection may be wrong but I believe that the mail interceptions were for OS, by the FBI. If this is true, regardless of Hunt's assignment, OS did interfere with my publication in England and in Germany. Perhaps twice in England.

Maybe with all that it was doing that it should not have been doing under our system the OS had only a junior officer to assign to Ames.

Sincerely,

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